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For: USE OF GALLIC ACID ESTERS TO INCREASE BIOAVAILABILITY OF ORALLY ADMINISTERED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS

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### SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert on page 1, before the INTRODUCTION on line 5:

#### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a 371 of PCT/US00/05524 filed March 1, 2000, which is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/264,215, filed March 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,180,666. Each of these cited applications are hereby incorporated, in their entirety, by reference.